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Mr. Thomas K. Latimer, Staff Director Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your letter of September 27, 1978. I am forwarding a statement on the Agency's lack of involvement with the Sandanistas in Nicaragua which the Committee may wish to use in responding to Representative Eldon Rudd. I hope that you will find that the statement meets your needs.

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STATEMENT

There is no truth to the allegation that the Central Intelligence Agency has provided assistance in any form to the Sandanista Liberation Front (FSLN) in Nicaragua. The allegation that "covert CIA agents in Nicaragua, Mexico and Costa Rica have ..." met "... with guerilla leaders ..." is similarly untrue. Additionally, CIA is not using any third parties (as neutrals or otherwise) to channel food, medicine and money into the Sandanista Liberation Front.

These allegations have been looked into with considerable care and have all been found to be without foundation.

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